

Recommended Changes to Chapter 246-360 WAC Transient Accommodations (TA)

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Purpose For Changing The Regulations

- **Increase emphasis on security, safety, and emergency preparedness**
- **Reflect changes in industry and DOH operations**
- **Compliance with the standards required by other authorities**
- **Improve the readability of the regulations**

Increase Emphasis On Security, Safety, And Emergency Preparedness

Examples are:

- a.** Require development of a basic emergency preparedness plan
- b.** Require a licensee to provide emergency lighting to guests in the event of a power outage
- c.** Require unit doors to be equipped with a suitable lock, in compliance with the State Building Code
- d.** Require Fire-Safe Environment
 - Either establish and implement a written plan to check smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fire alarm system, automatic fire suppression system and obstruction-free exits or;
 - Provide satisfactory evidence of current fire, life, and safety inspection conducted by local fire jurisdiction

Reflect Changes In Industry And DOH Operations

Examples are:

a. DOH procedures for addressing deficiencies

- **Plan of Correction**
- **Directed Plan of Correction**
- **Administrative Action**

b. Bed Linens

- **Allow replacement of bed linens weekly, rather than twice a week, when guests stay longer than three days, as well as, between guests.**

c. 2004 Legislative Change

- **SSB 6377 was passed and became effective June 10, 2004**
- **Changing the due date of annual TA license renewals**
- **License renewals and fees are now due on the expiration date of the TA license rather than 30 days before the expiration date**

Compliance With The Standards Required By Other Authorities

Examples are:

- a.** Require documentation of an approved water supply system
- b.** Require documentation of an approved on-site septic system
- c.** Require documentation of a current water recreation facility permit
- d.** Require hand washing facilities that meet the Department of Labor and Industries regulations

Improve The Readability Of The Regulations

Examples are:

- a.** Rearranged subsections to consolidate related topics
- b.** Changed to performance based standards
- c.** Clarified wording, grammar, and formatting

Other Proposed Changes

- a. All buildings, facilities, fixtures, furnishings and surroundings meet:**
- **Chapter 246-360 WAC, Rules and Regulations for Transient Accommodations**
 - **State Building Code**
 - **Other applicable city and county codes**

b. A licensee must:

- **Eliminate all known environmental health and safety hazards in and around the TA such as Meth Lab or old refrigerator**
- **When a hazard is found, approval from appropriate local authorities is required prior to re-occupancy of the lodging unit(s)**

C. A licensee must:

- **Provide hot water at 110 degrees F, plus or minus 10 degrees (now 110-130 degrees).**
- **Provide occupancy level not to exceed the number of persons accommodated by the beds present, based on the bed's intended maximum usage. The current standard is based on fifty square feet for each guest.**

d. A licensee must:

- **Provide a clear exit path from one side of each bed:**
 - **36” wide aisle for regular furnishings**
 - **18” wide aisle for temporary beds, other than infant cribs, that are no more than 38” high**
 - **28” wide aisle for temporary infant cribs and temporary beds above 38” high****(Life Safety Code Handbook)**
- **Temporary beds must not obstruct exit aisle for regular furnishings**

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